

# Growth Management Oversight Commission

April 20, 2005

Ken Lee Building  
Conference Room

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## MINUTES

### GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garcia	Krogh
Spethman	Arroyo
Palma	Nordstrom
Tripp	O'Neill
Munoz	

### STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Forster, Growth Mgmt Coordinator  
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary  
Jim Sandoval, Dir. Planning & Building

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Earl Jentz, Justin Craig (McMillin)

### SWEETWATER UNION H S DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Dr. Ed Brand; Ms. Katy Wright;  
Mr. Bruce Husson

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Secretary called the roll.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 4. DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. ED BRAND, SUHSD SUPERINTENDENT

The Chairman introduced Dr. Brand and opened the discussion on the Sweetwater Union High School District.

Dr. Brand outlined that they would present updates/progress on High School #13, planned for opening in 2006, overview on High School #14 which should be opened in 2009 and middle school 12. Also they would give information on the district office and respond to any specific questions from the commissioners.

A newsprint publication of the SUHSD was distributed which reported favorably on the schools maintenance program being ahead of schedule. Ms. Wright distributed a document, which she explained was a summary of prioritization of projects; that it was actually an abridged version of the Facilities Master Plan. Also distributed was a document labeled "Proposition BB Progress Report". The district's website is being kept updated on construction projects. There are going to be continued community workshops in the areas where schools are being built to keep working in conjunction with the needs of the residents. The communities are also being kept informed on the ongoing maintenance of the schools.

Dr. Brand stated that as the work progresses there will be campuses with buildings of multiple stories; High School #13 being the last of the spread-out campus. Also, the District is working with McMillin to clear land and with the collective bargaining unit, through the HR process, to hire teachers and other personnel for the schools in the pipeline. He noted that there were usually 30 applicants for every posted position, except Special Ed and Math. The District is working with SDSU's teaching program and partnering with Southwestern College to guide matriculation of graduating seniors who meet the requirements.

Ms. Wright indicated the locations of HS #14 and Middle School #12, stating that this was an opportunity for growth due to the increase of multi-family housing. The District had originally seen HS#13 as the last one in the east but the prospect of two more, #'s 15 and 16 in the future. There would be the development of multi-grade level campuses 7 - 12, possibly in 2008, with shared facilities, such as library and lunch area to meet the higher intensity in population.

Dr. Brand also informed the commissioners that the District had undertaken a questionnaire/survey to more than 600 parents of K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, asking about the preferences for amenities in the schools. The results indicated 5 to 6 areas of interest with emphasis on science and technology was more highly favored, followed by arts and music. The survey also revealed that the majority of parents did not favor a 7 to 12 grade configuration campus, which leaves the District to work out how to accomplish that to the satisfaction of the community.

Mr. Bruce Husson reported that the District is working closely with the city of Chula Vista, holding meetings to clarify any issues on the location and development of a District office. There needs to be resolution by the meeting with the City Council and School Board on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Brand and Mr. Husson gave brief details of the proposed locations and the resulting developments of other facilities, also incorporating the offices of the Elementary School District.

Dr. Brand then invited further questions from the commissioners. Chairman Nordstrom asked for the SUHSD representatives for their opinion on the state's legislation on "no child left behind" and how it impacts the District. Dr. Brand addressed the legislation on the federal level indicating the schools/states rating on a national survey. He stated that California is ranked the highest standards although the state accomplished by using methods that were opposite to what the federal government wanted. California used the Academic Performance Index while the federal government uses the Annual Yearly Progress, this was allowed some years previously but was rescinded when the administration of the federal Board of Education was changed. The Williams Settlement is a federal program to which the SUHSD is in full compliance.

Dr. Brand asked the Commission to include in the report to the City Council, wording to encourage the Council members to support the relocation and rebuilding project of the District office and their partnering with the Elementary School District. Chairman Nordstrom indicated that the matter would be discussed among the commissioners.

In response to Commissioner Spethman's question on whether the SUHSD is concerned about "performance-based pay rise" Dr. Brand stated that the District was not as it is a practitioner of the added value concept. This should indicate to the state that it works. He also explained that the state's administration sought to work with education community to assist with reducing the deficit.

The Chairman thanked the SUHSD representatives for their contribution to the Commission. He also congratulated Commissioner Tripp on his appointment to the Planning Commission.

## **5. REVIEW OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairman Nordstrom asked Dan Forster to guide this item. The content and format were reviewed and commented on, with Dan informing the group that he would be bringing the further revised draft to the next meeting of the GMOC.

On the schools district office, Dan suggested that he speak with the Assistant City Manager about the existence of any "minefields" in the GMOC's position of recommending the SUHSD deal. If there are any issues which could reflect negatively, the topic could be deferred and not be presented to the community.

Commissioner Palma proposed that the third draft be accepted with the changes to Schools and SR125 be made by Dan with the final approval

and discussion to take place between Dan and the Chairman. The group agreed.

**6. OTHER ISSUES**

The matter of the succeeding chairman was discussed but no recommendation was made. An item should be added to the next agenda to address this again. Dan Forster to check the By-laws and report back to the group.

**7. NEXT MEETING COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - TENTATIVE**

Dan informed the commission that the tentative date is May 12 in the community meeting room of the Police Department. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20p m.

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Rabbia Phillip  
Secretary

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Daniel Forster  
Growth Management Coordinator